

**Florida Children and Youth Cabinet  
Youth Service Collaboration Team (YSCT)  
Minutes – April 17, 2012**

The following were in attendance.

Theda Roberts, Co-chair, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

Leah Strong, Office of Adoption and Child Protection (OACP)

Holly Carson, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

Bettye Hyle, Department of Education (DOE)

Joan Wimmer, DJJ

Britanny Birkin, Florida Children Services Council

Meeting with Children and Youth Cabinet (CYC) members are ongoing. Thus far, members have indicated a need for increased data sharing and concerns regarding funding stream silos, skill development and transition to adulthood services, federal restrictions on funding uses, integrated case management, liability issues impacting contracts and services, a one-stop approach for social and economic assistance and eligibility, children's health insurance and early childhood education, substance abuse and mental health preventive services, and dually served youth.

The CYC will meet on April 26. An YCST update will be presented at the meeting.

Britanny Birken discussed merging this workgroup with the CYC Community Services Delivery Models Workgroup chaired by Alan Abramowitz. A combined meeting will be held May 1. There may be an opportunity for the YSCT to work with the Palm Beach Children Services Council on early childhood issues.

Information sharing continues to be a concern. The CYC Technology Collaboration Workgroup met on May 11. At that meeting, it was suggested that the YSCT identify statutory barriers to information sharing at both the state and federal level. Standard court order language may facilitate data sharing between DOE and DCF.

The need for an uber group to work through barriers unable to be overcome at the local level was discussed. YSCT members will be asked to provide information on existing statewide solution groups, such as the Independent Living Services Advisory Council, and whether they are designated in law or through an interagency agreement. It was also suggested that the various task forces attended by child serving agencies could be scheduled consecutively in one day, thus achieving time and resources savings that would otherwise be expended by attending multiple meetings in multiple locations throughout the month.

The next meeting is will be help jointly with the Service Delivery Model Workgroup on May 1 at 9:30-3:00.